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NEARLY \$19 MILLION APPROVED FOR PURDUE PROJECTS

INDIANAPOLIS – During its Friday meeting at Clifty Falls State Park in Madison, the State Budget Committee gave its approval for five projects, valued at nearly \$19 million, for the Purdue University West Lafayette campus, according to State Reps. Sheila Klinker and Joe Micon.

The projects include construction of the Beck Agricultural Center, the Purdue Village Community Center, the Printing Services Facility, and a child care center as well as the relocation of the Grounds Maintenance Facility. The committee also approved the accessibility upgrades of University Hall.

"I appreciate the State Budget Committee's recognition of the importance of the continual improvement of Purdue's West Lafayette campus," said Klinker, ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee's Higher Education Subcommittee. "Purdue is a leader in many fields of academia, but that leadership must come with frequent investment in the university. However, it is not just an investment in the Purdue community; it is an investment in Tippecanoe County and the economic development of our state."

"The infrastructure needs of a university of Purdue's size are great," Micon added. "The decision must be made whether to invest and grow to meet the future needs of students and faculty or to stagnate and not commit the necessary funding to maintain Purdue's high standards. Fortunately, the State Budget Committee made the wise choice of investment in the future. It is a commitment to current university students as well as coming generations who will study at Purdue and live in our community."

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Building of the Printing Services Facility and the Grounds Maintenance Facility Relocation will cost \$5.5 million. The relocation of the current Grounds Department and Printing Services operation is necessary to make room for new academic buildings. Three million dollars of the project will be funded from the Facility and Administration Cost Recovery and \$2.5 million from unrestricted endowment income.

Construction of the Beck Agricultural Center at the Purdue Agronomy Center for Research and Education will cost \$4.1 million. The project will provide hands-on, educational opportunities for people from academia, the business community and government as well as allow Purdue faculty to share research with those individuals. Gift funds will secure \$3.5 million of the project with the remaining \$600,000 coming from endowment income.

The Purdue Village, which is the home to many of Purdue's married students and their families, will have a new community center. The \$3.82 million project also was approved. The center currently is housed in four small buildings on property where the Discovery Learning Center will be located. The proposed site of the new community center building is next to Squirrel Park, near Nimitz Drive. University Residences Capital Funds will make up \$2.02 million of the project's cost. The Capital Reserve for Buildings will fund the remaining \$1.8 million.

Nearby the Purdue Village Community Center will be a new child care center. It will be located off Nimitz Drive, near the intersection with Marshall Drive. The building will accommodate 98 preschool children as young as six weeks of age. The project will be funded through the Capital Reserve for Buildings.

The State Budget Committee also approved \$2.2 million for making University Hall more accessible. The project includes the installation of an elevator, updating the fire alarm system, adding a ramp, as well as reconfiguring restrooms and drinking fountains to bring the building into ADA compliance. The University General Funds reserved for renewals will finance the project.